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**From:** Holsman, Marianne [Holsman.Marianne@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 2/7/2019 4:18:17 PM  
**To:** Dennis, Allison [Dennis.Allison@epa.gov]  
**CC:** MacIntyre, Mark [Macintyre.Mark@epa.gov]; Drinkard, Andrea [Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov]; Opalski, Dan [Opalski.Dan@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: MEDIA INQUIRY - Seattle Times/NW Public Radio - EPA Request to Withdraw 401 Cert request for 9 Columbia River Dam permits

Sent it last night...but will send again.

Marianne

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**From:** Dennis, Allison  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 07, 2019 7:53 AM  
**To:** Holsman, Marianne <Holsman.Marianne@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** MacIntyre, Mark <Macintyre.Mark@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>; Opalski, Dan <Opalski.Dan@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: MEDIA INQUIRY - Seattle Times/NW Public Radio - EPA Request to Withdraw 401 Cert request for 9 Columbia River Dam permits

Can you share that first story?

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**From:** Holsman, Marianne  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 07, 2019 10:34 AM  
**To:** Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** MacIntyre, Mark <Macintyre.Mark@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>; Opalski, Dan <Opalski.Dan@epa.gov>  
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We can ask the Seattle Times to update its story...and the other reporter gave us until today, I believe.

Marianne Holsman  
Mobile: 206-450-5895

Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone. Please excuse impolite brevity, typos and other embarrassing errors.

On Feb 7, 2019, at 5:54 AM, Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov> wrote:

Anna is fine with the proposed response :

“EPA has determined that the preliminary draft permits for which we had requested water quality certification need additional internal review. Therefore,

we have withdrawn our requests for water quality certification at this time. We fully intend to reinstate our requests for water quality certification after we have completed our internal review and updated the preliminary draft permits, as appropriate.”

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**From:** MacIntyre, Mark

**Sent:** Wednesday, February 06, 2019 9:40 PM

**To:** Drinkard, Andrea <[Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov](mailto:Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Opalski, Dan <[Opalski.Dan@epa.gov](mailto:Opalski.Dan@epa.gov)>; Holsman, Marianne <[Holsman.Marianne@epa.gov](mailto:Holsman.Marianne@epa.gov)>

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Andrea: For clarity: Dan, at Chris Hladick’s suggestion, reached out to Anna with the draft statement below for responding to requests for the documents.

He kindly crafted the shorter version this afternoon when our phone started wringing with reporter questions...Anna has not seen that one. My mischaracterization! MM

“Thank you for your request to receive the permits referenced in Ecology’s 1/30/19 public notice. The permits in Ecology’s public notice are not public draft permits, but pre-draft permits sent to Ecology for their consideration in developing their 401 certification. We are still developing the permits with new information and will also factor in any proposed 401 certification conditions we receive from certification authorities before making a draft permit available for public comment. The timing of public comment is uncertain at this time, but we will provide sufficient time for review and comment on the public comment draft when it is released. If you would like your name to be added to our public notification list, I would be happy to do so. Note that the EPA also withdrew its request to Ecology for 401 certification on Friday, 2/1/19, so we are currently not requesting certification from Ecology or other 401 certification authorities. If you would like more information, please feel free to contact me.”

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 6, 2019, at 5:44 PM, Drinkard, Andrea <[Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov](mailto:Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov)> wrote:

Got it. Thanks.

On Feb 6, 2019, at 8:41 PM, MacIntyre, Mark <[Macintyre.Mark@epa.gov](mailto:Macintyre.Mark@epa.gov)> wrote:

Dan Opalski, Our Water Director.

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**From:** Drinkard, Andrea  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 6, 2019 5:41 PM  
**To:** Grantham, Nancy <[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Holsman, Marianne <[Holsman.Marianne@epa.gov](mailto:Holsman.Marianne@epa.gov)>; MacIntyre, Mark <[Macintyre.Mark@epa.gov](mailto:Macintyre.Mark@epa.gov)>; Press <[Press@epa.gov](mailto:Press@epa.gov)>  
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I'll flag again for awareness.

For context, who emailed it to Anna? I want to mention it when I touch base with her.

On Feb 6, 2019, at 8:29 PM, Grantham, Nancy <[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov)> wrote:

Looping Andrea

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 6, 2019, at 7:25 PM, Holsman, Marianne <[Holsman.Marianne@epa.gov](mailto:Holsman.Marianne@epa.gov)> wrote:

Nancy, call me if you need some background on this. We do need the water folks to sign off...thanks. This is the same issue we had the major Seattle Times story on last week...

Marianne

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**From:** MacIntyre, Mark  
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February 06, 2019 4:14  
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**To:** Grantham, Nancy  
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Times/NW Public Radio  
- EPA Request to  
Withdraw 401 Cert  
request for 9 Columbia  
River Dam permits

**Nancy: We have  
submitted this for  
Anna  
Wildman's(OW)  
review, but have  
not gotten a  
response yet.**

**Who took the  
call/e-mail:** Mark  
MacIntyre/206-553-  
7302

**Date and Time:** 05-  
06-19 2:30  
pm(PST)

**Media  
Outlet:** Seattle  
Times/NW Public  
Radio

**Reporter (include phone number and/or e-mail):** Lynda Mapes/206-464-2515  
Courtney Flatt  
NWPR/509-372-7404

**Topic:** EPA request to withdraw requests to the Washington Department of Ecology for 401 certification

**Reporter Question:** Seattle Times: Why did EPA withdraw its request for 401 certification from the Department of Ecology on draft NPDS permits for the nine federal dams on the Columbia and Snake Rivers?

When is EPA sending the permits to Ecology again for certification?

NWPR: I'm looking into the EPA's recent withdrawal its 401 certification request from the Washington Department of Ecology. Would anyone at EPA be

able to speak to me about this? I'm curious about the reasons for withdrawal and what this means going forward, etc.

Deadline: 2/6/19  
COB

**Proposed  
Action/Outcome:**  
Our proposed  
response:

"EPA has determined that the preliminary draft permits for which we had requested water quality certification need additional internal review. Therefore, we have withdrawn our requests for water quality certification at this time. We fully intend to reinitiate our requests for water quality certification after we have completed our internal review and updated the preliminary draft permits, as appropriate."

**Status:**  
**(Open/Closed/Pending): OPEN (engaging HQ)**

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